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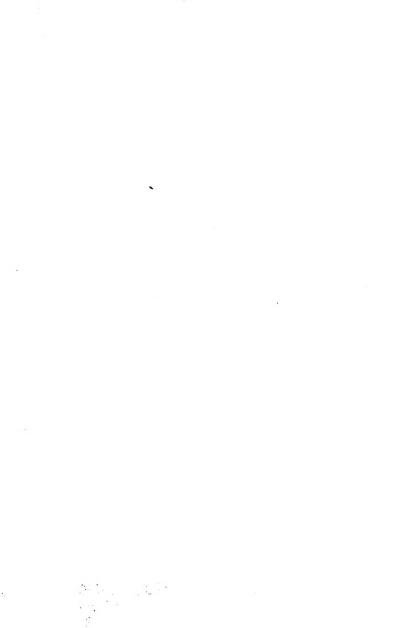


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#### Preface.

The subject, "The Design Of a Newage Disposal Plant for Waukegan, Illinoic" will be presented in two parts.

In part 1 the general principles and conditions governing the disposal of sewage will be considered.

In part 2 the actual design of the proposed plant for Waukegan, Illinois will be presented.



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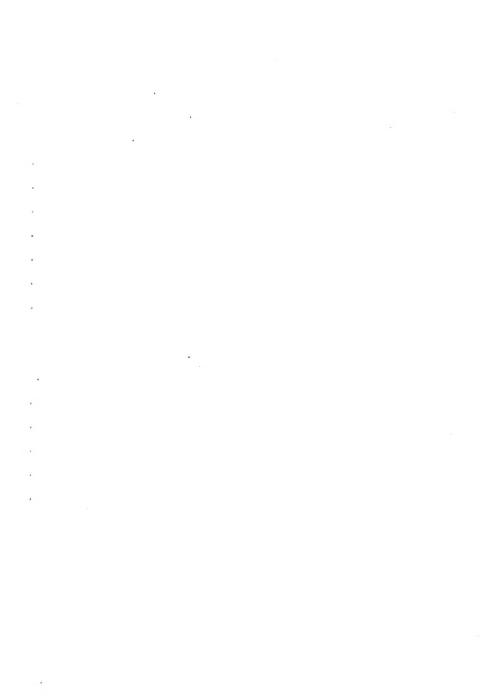
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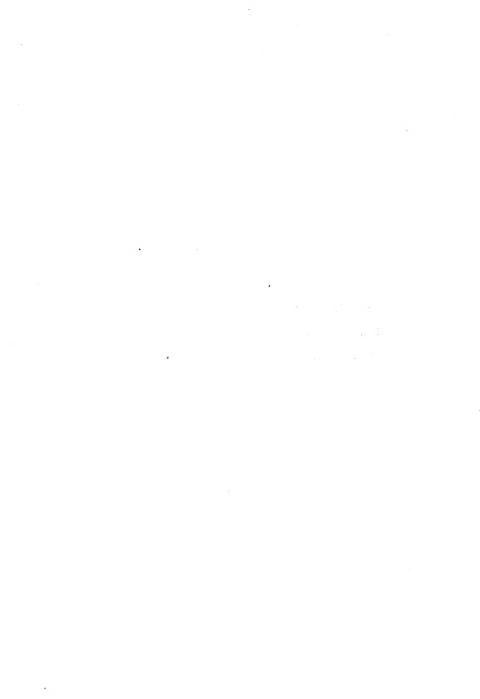
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The problem of sewage disposal is one of ever increasing importance. The process of sewage disposal has gone from the beginning of the world in an unguided natural manner. As the population becomes more dense, nowever, it is not safe to disregard it. That the people are cognizant of these facts is shown by the action of the State Dords of Wealth and by the laws relating to the pollution of streams.

These investigations are necessary for the protection of the public health from the disease germs which are transmitted by rew sewage and for the protection of fish life.

Shell fich taken from sewage polluted streams are liable to transmit water born diseases, the germs of which have not been killed in the ordinary method of cooking.

The problem of arranging for the disposal of the sewage of a city is a most serious one from every point of view. It involves a special knowledge, which cannot be found in books, together with a special capacity .... a wide ex-



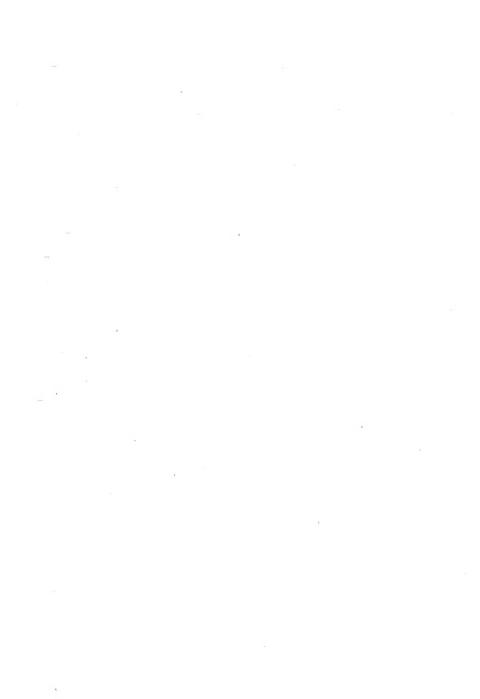
perience. At the same time the necessity for such work and the ability to exercise a proper judgement concerning it, are within the range of the influence of popular discussion as its development in this country has hardly been begun. The problem deals escentially with the elimination of nuisances arising from nousehold and trade waster which are removed by water carriage.

As was suggested at the beginning of this treatise the problem of the treatment of sewage in works of an artificial nature arises thru the failure of the natural dilution method to meet the local requirements. The disposal of the sanitary wastes abould be such that no nuisance will arise from it and that no injury be done to persons or property. These works differ greatly in cost, efficiency, and style of arrangement.

In practical work there are two principles of sewage disposal which should be kept in view. In the first place to prevent offenses to sight and smell the sewage should be discharged at the



sewer outlet in a freeh condition, that is before putrefaction has begun. In the second place to dispose of the disease garms contained in sewage it must be reduced to a state of complete oxidation without the intervention of dangerous or offencive decomposition. To do this without causing a nuisance involves a wide range of conditions. There are naturally important features in common but generally speaking there are characteristics of each plan that should show the adjustment of the design to the particular conditions currounding it. As to the degrees of paralliantion here are wide differences which have not been recognized but whose impostance are becoming more and more appreciated. Obviously the degree of publics ion is earn case should meet the requirements of the statutes to which they are applicable. There are three main aspects also with regard to the public water supplies. The sewage may be treated to the extent of preventing a nuisance and injury to fish life and the water supply taken from the stream thoroughly filtered or the sewage may be thor-



oughly purified before the effluent discharges into a stream from which the water supply is taken without filtration. The third aspect deals with extreme cases in both systems and calls for both thorough purification and filtration.

The objects sought in the Jisposal of sewage are the removal of all solid matter and objectionable bacteria. With this in view, special provisions should be made for the treatment of storm flows and in a city where there are a number of large fectories their wastes should be restricted or especially treated so that the treatment of the resulting mixture can be accomplished by the disposal plant. The persent of purification will depend primarily on the disposition of the effluent. If it is to be discharged into a small stream near a source of water supply a nigh degree of purification is necessary, whereas if it discharges into a large stream or body of water whose water is filtered before use, the s wage need only be treated to the extent of preventing soun or other objectional matter from collecting on the surface.



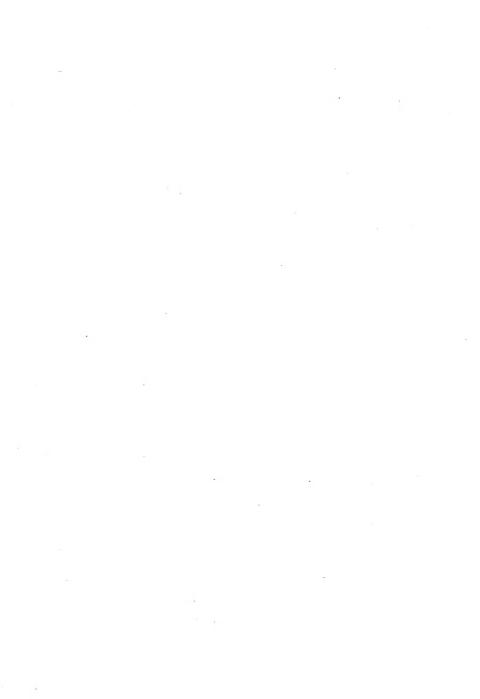
These are the two extreme cases in the treatment of sewage. In this country where filtering is used so little the object should be to purify the sewage to a high degree. In Germany and France where all sources of water supply are filtered such purification is not recessary.

Faving shown that there are various kinds of problems, it is now necessary to outline the methods of treatment. The first of these is by screens. In one form or another they are used in a majority of plants where sewage is purified. The utility of screens is based on the assumption that certain matter, suspended, may be reserved more advantageously in this manner than in other ways. Abroad they are used quite extensively as a preliminary treatment although in this country their principle use is confined to the protection of filters from soum or unaway wear and to the protection of pumps from clogging. There is a growing tendency in this country to make more and better use of screens. Glogging is not serious for centrifugal pumps over eight inches in diameter.



There are three classes of screening arrangements. First coarse gratings having clear openings of from two to six inches, second medium sized bars having from one half to two inch openings, and third fine screens having less than one half inch openings. For sprinkler nozzles screens with one fourth iron openings are recommended and for pumps coarse or medium sized screens. The comparatively scarce matter removed by screens make but a small difference in the purification of sewage. The removal of bacteria is so small as to be negligible.

ed in the purification of sewage. The influent is allowed to flow into a basin in which the velocity of flow is reduced, thus permitting the solid matter to be deposited. This is called sludge. Pata are meager to show the efficiency of sedementation. In round rumbers however it is safe to say that fifty to seventy-five per cent of the total suspended matter may be deposited. The removal of total organic matter is about half of this amount. The efficiency de-



pends on the time allowed for the sewage to page turu the basin and this in turn is limited by the fact that if the time of flow thru the basin is made too long, the septic action commences to take place which is undesirable in this type of basin. It has come to the front quite rapidly during the past decade not only as a separate treatment but as an adjunct to filtration. The dissolved matters are sometimes deposited by chemical precipitation. It is usually spoken of as a disinfectant process. This treatment relates essentially to the destruction of objectionable bacteria. It is of aid in the operation of filters for destroying various growths which tend to clog filter surfaces. The cheapest and most efficient poagulant is hypochlorite of lime which combines with the organisms and precipitates them as incolubla nitrates.

Undoubtibly the most important treatment of raw sewage is by septicization which is essentially a biological process of liquefying and gasifying sludge so that the residue may be disposed of without offense as to odors. It



is generally taken to mean a combination of sedimentation and decomposition. One phace relates to the classification of the sewage with a view to an improvement in its composition, the other to the digestion of the sludge to facilitate its disposal. From a hygienic standpoint the effluent should not be discharged into a source of unfiltered water water cupply without some further form of treatment to remove objectionable bacteria.

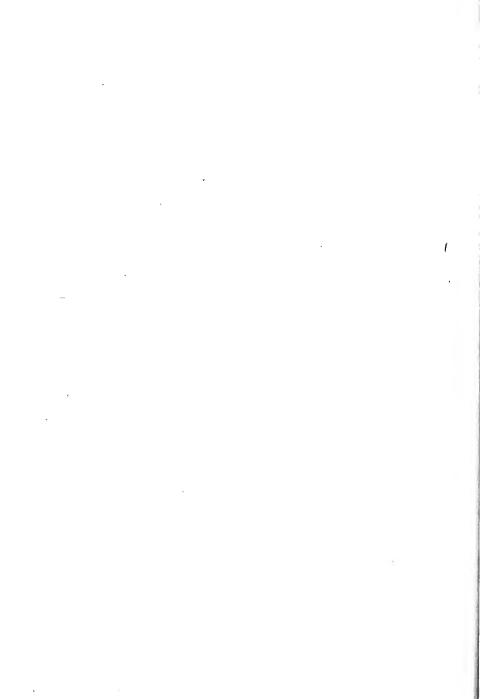
As a preliminary treatment for sertic tanks where combined sower systems are used a grit chamber is necessary. Its purpose is to remove such mireral matters as sand and silt from street washings. They are generally constructed in several units each provided with a tile drain along the bottom and so constructed that they may be operated separately and in case of storms all used together. It has been found by experiment that with an average velocity of flow of one foot per second the sand and silt will be deposited and no organic matter settled.

Septicization in a modern sense dates from



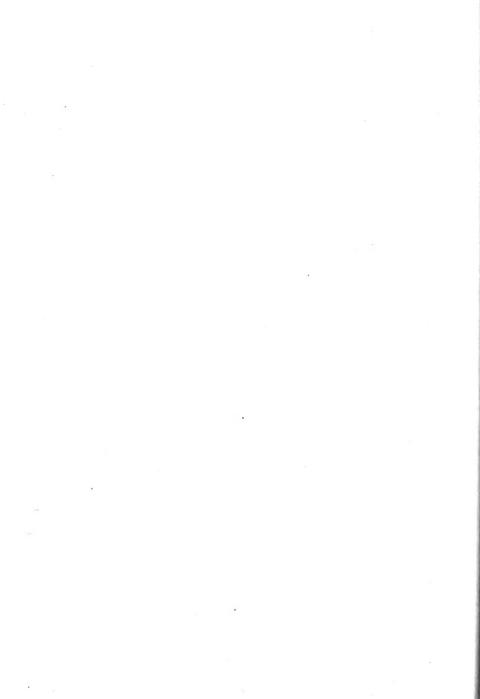
1896 and as a preparation for course grained contact filters is of much ascistance. In brief the utility of the aeptic process is closely related to the success with which the sludge and soum are prevented from appearing in the effluent. There are several general types of septic tanks. In the socalled single story tanks the sludge and soum are allowed to remain in the same compartment in which sedimentation takes place. Another type is trat in which separate tanks or compartments are provided entirely independent of the sedimentation basin for the specific purpose of disintegrating and rotting the sludge after its removal from the influent. Still another type of tank is the Travis tank. This is a two story tank in which clarification takes place in the upper compartment and septicization in the lower. This type is much less familiar than the Imhoff type and it said that there is more likelihood of odors around this type of tank than the Imhoff tank.

The two story tanks of the Imhoff or



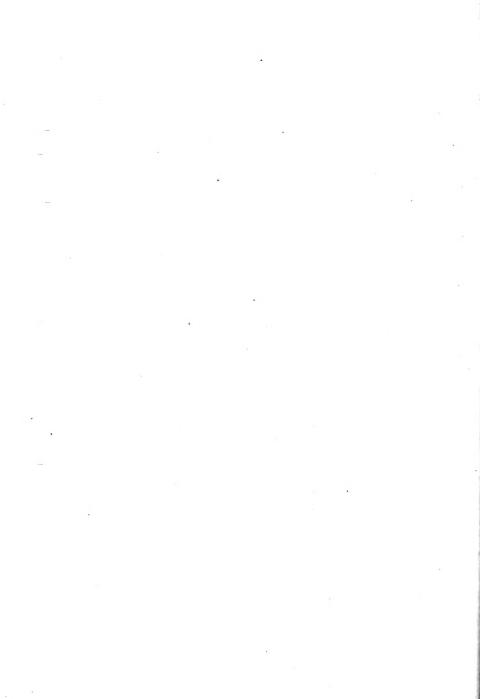
Emscher type stand out conspicuously as the most important step in advance in the art of sewage disposal during the past five years. They have developed a well recognized standing as embodying the rost successful steps in the process of preliminary treatment by means of clarification and particularly as to the disposal of sewage sludge in an inoffensive condition at a minimum expense and likelihood of odors. Every reasonable effort is hade to confine dedimentation to the uprer concertment and septicization of sludge to the lower without interchange from the lower to the upper other than the quiescent displacement of liquid by the solids which settle from the upper to the lower chamber. This type of tark will remove from twenty-five to thirty-five percent of the total organic matter and a somewhat less per cent of the nighly putrescible matters.

Imnoff tanks have been built of three distinct types known as radial flow tanks, norizontal flow tanks with rectangular digestion chambers and horizontal flow tanks with circular digestion chambers. The last is the most popular



type in Germany. American Engineers do not take kindly to this design but prefer a type which is rectangular in plan both in top and bottom compartments. As yet there has been practically no experience in this country with the operation of Imhoff tanks.

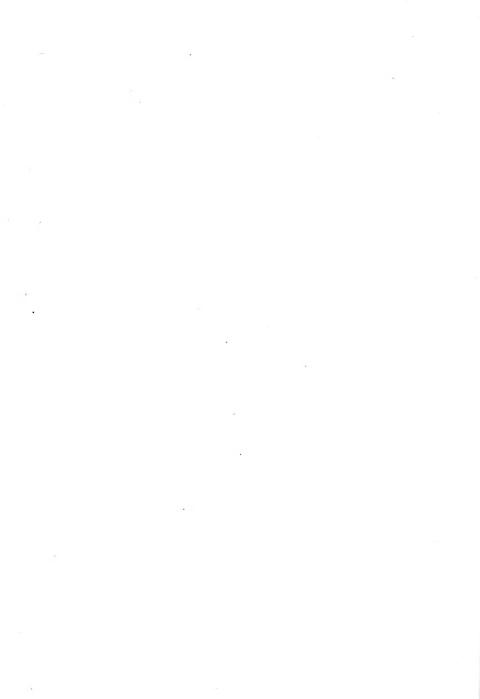
The Imnoff tank proper consists of a settling chamber suspended over a sludge digestion charber, the sludge entering the sludge digestion chamber thru slots in the bottom of the settling chamber. The depth of these tanks is usually about thirty fest. It is usually necessary to limit the length of the tank because if made too long the velocity necessary to give the proper detention period will cause whirling currents and thus tend to provent cedimentation. Hence the length is governed by the length of the detention period and the permissible velocity. With the length determined the required volume will give the cross section area. The flow is usually reversed periodically to secure a more uniform distribution of sludge throughout the sludge chamber hence the inverts must be made at the same elevation and also the in-



fluent and effluent weirs. Raffles are not some sidered advisable except as flow directors and are being replaced by soumboards. The sludge is discharged most simply and cheaply by means of a pipe reaching nearly to the apex of the conical bottom and having its outlet sufficiently below the water level in the tank so that the sludge is forced out by hydraulic pressure. The sludge is then conveyed to being of porcus material which are provided with the drains where it is dried and is spadable in a few days.

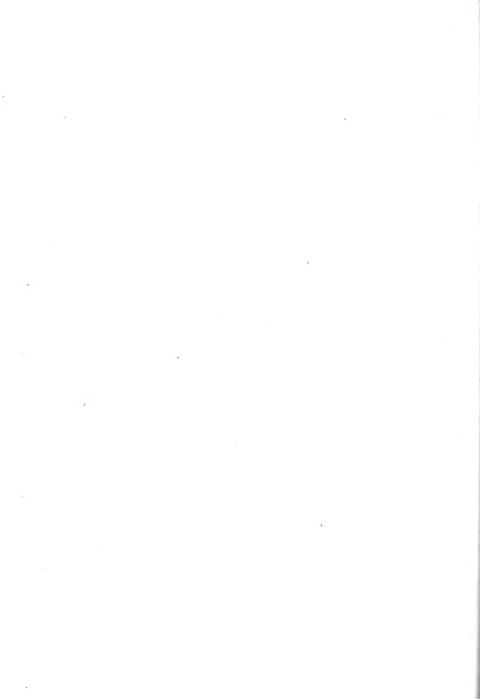
The object of filtration is the removal of suspended matters. It is accomplished in many ways. There are three general types of filters, sprinkling filters, intermittent filters, and contact filters. In optinkling filters the suspended matter is removed and rendered marmless by aeration or bringing air is to intimate contact with all parts of the sewage and thus oxidizing and purifying it. The filter bed is composed of sand stone, clinker or any porcus material which will not disintegrate readily.

Intermittent sand filtration consists of applying comparatively small volumns of sexage



to great of parous sand and allowing it to trum from the pores of the raterial which fill with air. The dose is repeated some hours later. The sewage being surrounded by air and in the presence of nitrifying organisms which grow in cuch beds becomes oxidized and the unstable putressible organic matter becomes converted into stable nitrates resulting in a stable non-putrescible effluent. The sewage is applied to each part of the bed in rotation so no one part is overtakel. Contact filters are basing filled with poarce materials such as broken stone, glass or coke. to which cewage is applied. The pores of the ma terial fill with air and nitrifying organisms accumulate as with intermittent filters. The doses of sawage are usually applied at eight nour intervals thus allowing the sewage to be in contact with the air and minute organisims for approximately eight hours before it is drained off.

The filling material is covered with a jell; like film which forms a natitat for the reducting and nitrifying micro organisims and helps entangle organic matter by the attractive power



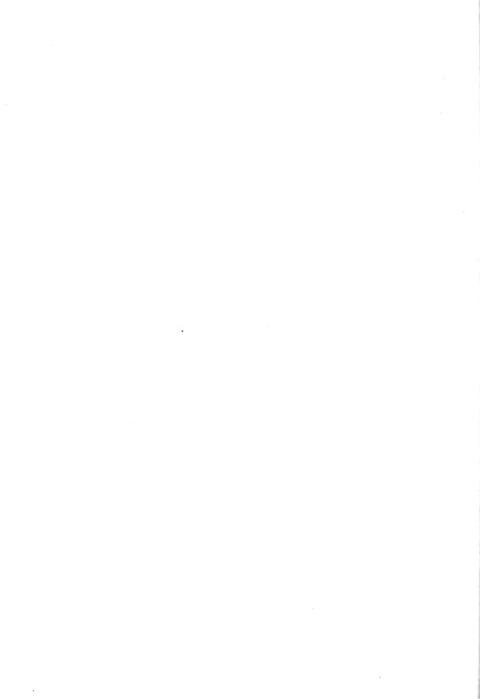
the particles exect on the suspended abover an the sewage. The length of time allowed the sawage in the bed is an important consideration. If too short, sufficient purification wall not take place and if too long putrifaction will set in and produce a dark, disagresable effluent, difficult to purify. Paptic tanks are the preliminary treatment usually resorted to in connection with contact beds in order that the sewage be of uniform charactor. The tank enclosing a contact led must be sater tight and contain a depth of four or five feet of contact material. Contact teds when first put into service have a liquid capacity of about fifty percent of the total outload contents of the bed. This is soon out down to about thirty three per dent due to the growth of organisms, the settling together of the material and insoluble matter entering the beds. The capacity decreases until a point is reached where the material must be cleaned or renewed. This proves the most objectionable and coatly feature of this type of bed. Contact beds are usually oper-



ared in Typics which usually consist of one hour for filling, two hours resting in contact, one hour for iraining and four reading empty, making a cycle of eight hours.



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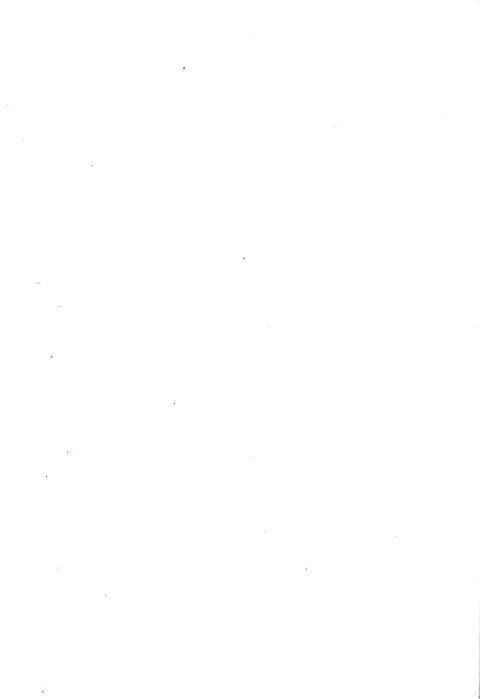


Enough has been hold to make i plain in there are different problems that can be solved by different treatments in order to meet thoroughty all reasonable canitary requirements. To settled specifications for design can be followed and so it is necessary to make a study of the local conditions to determine the best method of sewage disposal.

Waukegan, Illinois is located on the southwestern shore of Lake Michigan, about thirtysix miles north of Chicago, and is bordered by
North Chicago on the south, Leach on the north.

It has a population of sixteen thousand people
according to the last census. The main part of
the town is located on a bluff which rises to
a height of about fifty feet above the lawe. A
creek passes thru the central part of the town.

As shown on the Map of Waukegan at the end of
this treatise there are three main outfall newers which take care of the districts indicated
on the map. Those on McKinley and Billette Avenues take care of sanitary wastes only. Since



for a town of this population it would not be economical to treat the rewage from each system independently it becomes necessary to decide on the best location for and the kind of plant to be installed. The location indicated on the map was decided as best principally on account of the nature of the surrounding property and elevation of the ground.

As the Imnoff tank has demonstrated its superiority over the other types of septic tanks it will be used in connection with contact filters and the effluent discharged into the lake thru the old CoKinley Avenue ower.

A connecting sever must now be designed to unite the three sever cystems. On the basis of six people per lot of area 150' x 30' requiring an average of 110 gallons per day per capits, a discharge of 363 gallons per second was obtained for the Cillett Avenus sewer, 2194 gallons per second for the main sewer on Couth Water street exclusive of storm flows and a discharge of 245 gallons per second for the McKinley Avenue sewer.

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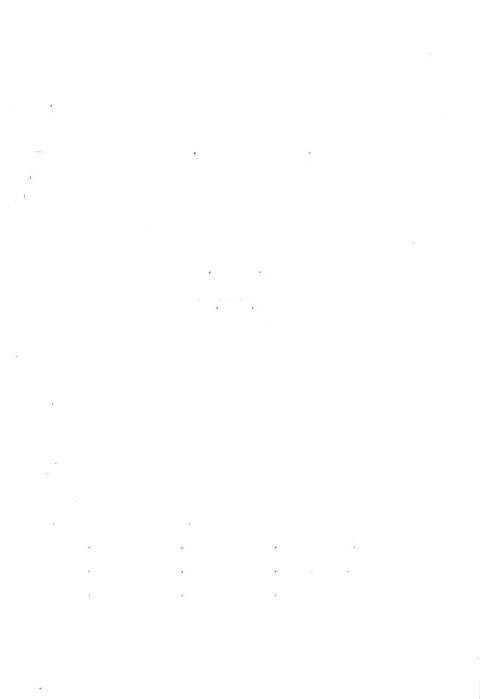


This sewer runs for a length of 7304 feet down Spring St. at a grade of .244 per cent to an intercepting with the main sewer on South Water St. The size of pipe required was obtained from Figure tables for the formula  $AC\sqrt{r} = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{E}}$  where Q equals the quantity in cubic feet per second and a equals the slops.  $\sqrt{E} = .049387$ 

For this value a circular cener daving an including the circulation of three feet and nine inches is required.

The main sever must be designed for storm flows in addition to regular household whates. For this purpose the rainfall was assumed to be similar to fast of Detroit, Highliger whose experage rainfalls in inches per six months covering a period of three years are as follows:-

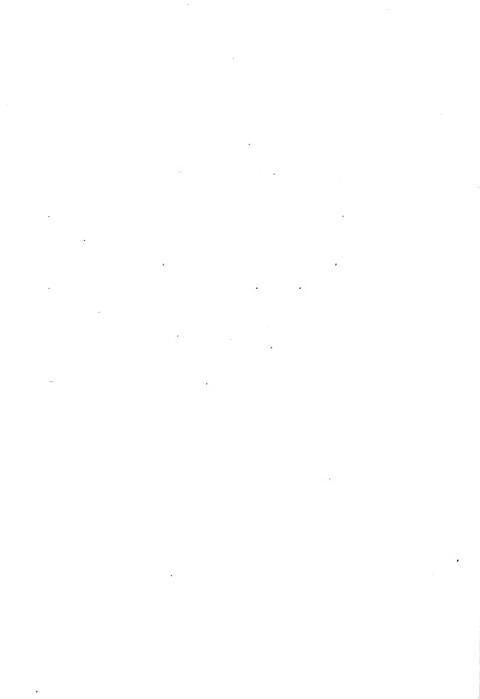
	First Year	fed. Tear	Third Year.
DecMay	9.28	10.3	12.30
June Nov	. 11.32	13.1	11,39
Total	21.1	35.4	25 <b>.</b> 7



The ratimated run off was TID, 180 town Talk gives for a rainford of five inches in the typfour hours obtained for the first year mouted above between Dec. and may a run off of

 $\frac{5}{2}$  x  $\frac{(5280)^2}{1728}$  x  $\frac{144}{2}$  = 07 pulid feet per

mile. The area within the present limits is 4.61 square miles giving a total run off of 1.61 a 67 =308.5 cubic fast per second. Yends total flow equals 308.5 + 34.4 = 938 subic feet per second. The slope is 1 in 554 from value,  $\sqrt{16} = 0.04348.0$ and AC  $\sqrt{F} = \frac{9}{2} = \frac{950}{1002420} = 1850$ . From the tables this requires a cower moving an inside disheter of 10 feet and 5 inches. Gince It would be useless to design a plant for so great a variable flow this sewer will replace the old newer discharging into the lake directly and at market street. A sewer designed to carry a flow equal to that of the mountmold waste flow of both the Gillette Avenue and the main sever will tap it so that for ordinary discharges all the flow will pass down the Market St. dewer and during storms the excess will jump this opening and discharge directly into the lake, the dilution



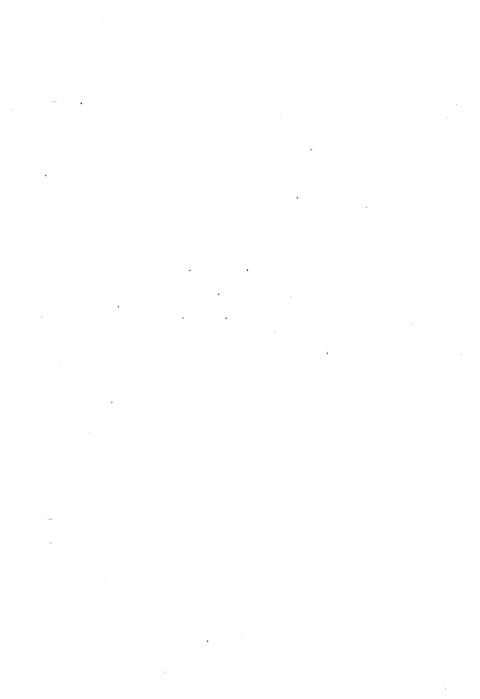
teins formal readoutification to the permanent tree and east to flow threath, into the laws. Are other sever will be required to be permanently proved, to an intersection with the workinder Avonus maker. A grade of .15 percent was assumed in other to permit a ten foot signon under the break making the elevation, at which this total flocharge is collected minus. 1.37 feet.

For the Narket St. sewer  $q = \frac{2121 + 324}{7.5} = 714$  oubid feet jet second.  $\sqrt{n} = .000314$ 

AC 
$$\sqrt{x} = \frac{344}{.208514} = 3000$$

This requires a circular sewer making an inside diameter of four feet and five iron- .

Although the convecting sectors dero hade to carry the maximum flow possible within the present city limits it would be a declar waste of capital to design and construct a disposal plant for a population that will not be attained until long after the present methods of sewage disposal have been improved on to such an extent as to render them obsolete, hence it is customary to design such plants for period of five years in the future. Assuming an increase



of rift; person within must like, from 10 ample, or a population of \$4000 at 110 gallon per ity per capita and assuming that all the newage flows in a period of rightsen nours instead of twenty-four gives a volume equal to \$4000 x 10 = 5.43 cubic feet per second.

The plant to be installed at Waukegar, Illinois will consist of a grit chamber, land; tanks and sludge beds, and single contact filters.

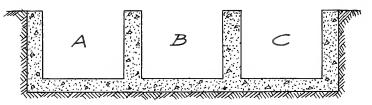
Dakigh of the Trit Chamber.

The sewage is pumped into the grit once that the rate of five and one half cubic first per second. The velocity thru the grit onember should be about one fort per second since this velocity allows the grit to settle out but cardies the sludge on to the Immoff tanks. It is good practice to make the grit charter about eighty feet long with an invert of twelve induce. A tank of such dimensions will provide a detertion period of from sixty to ninety seconds.

$$A = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{52}{1} = \frac{52}{2} = \frac{52}{2} = 3$$
 square feet.

We have a depth of twelve inches and therefore

the width must be averaged. Three units of exactly the same cross section will be provided. This permits of taking a unit out of operation while it is being cleaned.



For the design of the outside wall consider tank "A" empty. The pressure on the wall will be caused by norizontal thrust of the earth.

Take the weight of the earth as 100 pounds per cubic foot and assume one third of this force as acting normal to the wall.

Average pressure on the wall,  $\frac{300}{3 \times 8} = 50 \%$ Total pressure = 50 x 3 = 150 % acting 1 1/3 ft.

S for shear =40 #

S for tension = 40 #

M = 150 x 1 1/3 x 18 = 2400 \*#.

T = 150

.

$$\frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3401}{40} \cdot = 60$$

$$\frac{1}{c} = \frac{bd^2}{c} \cdot \frac{12 \times a^2}{c}$$
 Therefore  $d = 5\frac{1}{c}$ "

A gix inch wall will be used.

For the interior solls consider "A" empty and "E" full and design the wall latween them. Assume the weight of sewage as 0.5 " per subject.

Average pressure : 65 x 3

Total pressure, 65 x 3 x 3 283 4

 $M = 293 \times 1 1/3 \times 12 = 4688$  "}

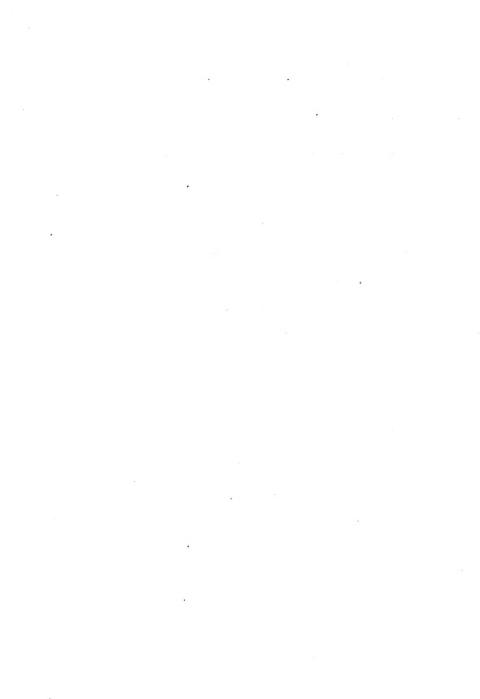
V = 293 #

 $\frac{M}{S} = \frac{bd^2}{6} = \frac{12 \times d}{2} = 111 \quad \text{Corefore } a = 6$ 

d for snear, 203 , 72 "

Use a thickness of 8".

Screens, gates, irains, by-passes at to be provided for as shown in S Of 4.

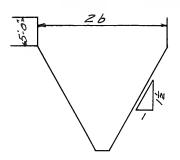


Le ign of Immoff lanks.

In these tanks a retention period of one and a half hours should be provided. Wence the required capacity of sottling chamber is

5½ x 3600 x 1 1/2 = 39700 cu.ft.

Cross Section and Length of Settling Chamber.



The velocity thru this chamber is not to exceed .03 feet per ascond.

$$A = \frac{9}{4} = \frac{5.5}{.03} = 183$$

làb + 10: = 183

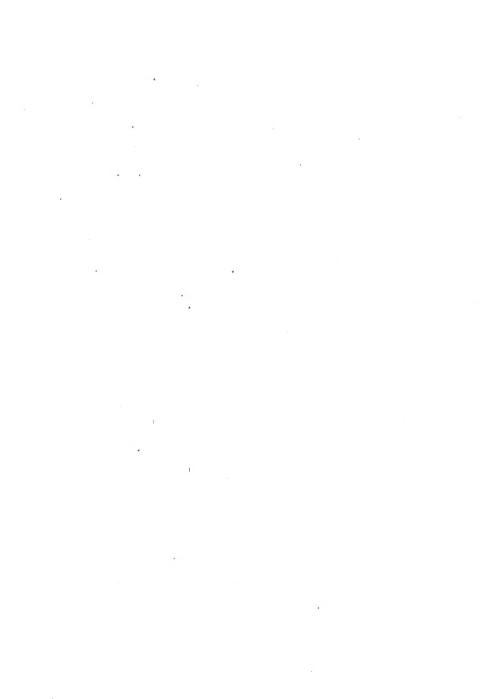
Therefore & =8" 2b = 16"

Such a width of sectling chamber would require too large a tank to get a volumn of 83700 dubit feet so we will use a width of 28'

A 28 x 5 14 x 28 = 500 square feet.

Length of Chamber <u>200700</u> 56'

According to Lettle Frank in his lesign of hmacf(
tanks the total depth of tenk should be from
thirty-five feet to forty feet. The velocity at
the influent weir should be at least two feet
per second. To insure this velocity in cold web-

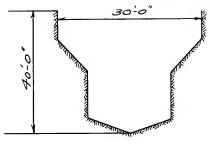


ther a more of two feet will be provided it to each the grit pharter effluent and the tank influent.

Lesign of Tank Walls.

The walls of the settling chamber to not carry a load since the sewage vises to the scale height on each side of the wall. A thickness of eight inches with by-rib reinforcing will be used.

Walls for Plunge Chamber.



Consider a section at the base of the wall one foot high.

Total pressure

40 x 40 x 100 \_53333 #

f = 300 #

A <u>53533</u> <u>180 square inches</u>.

b = <u>180</u> = 13 "

Complete design shown on plate 5 of 4.

Design of Sludge Beds.

One square foot of sludge bed will provide for 1.75 persons.

1.75 x 24000 = 42000 square feet required.



It is good profiled to make the profile main indinage layer 5" and the tollowness of the gludge layer 10". Assording to Fuller 505 square feet of sludge bed will provide for 1000 people.

Required area 505 x 24 = 18600 square feet. An area of 15000 square feet will be used. "Is vill provide twelve units.

60'- 0" x 22'- 0" = A = 1320 Total A = 15840 Complete design is shown on plate 4 of 4.

Design of Contact Filters.

The liquid espacity of a contact filter is 33 % of its cubical sepacity. A filter cycle is as follows:-

One nour filling.

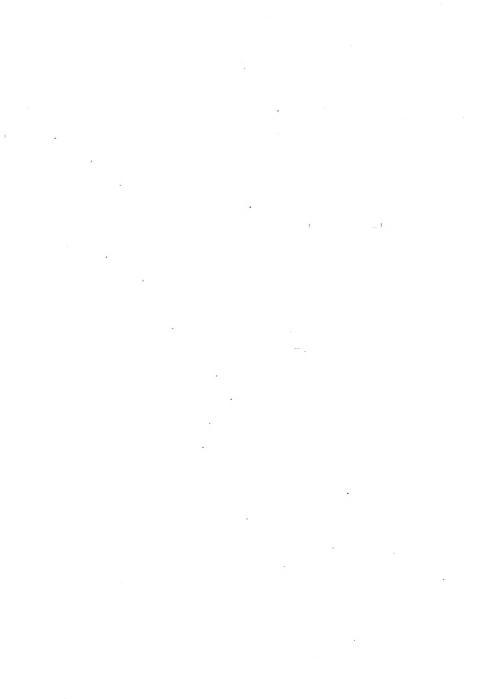
Two nours full.

One nour draining.

Four nours resting.

Hence a single bed may receive three fillings per day. Filter beds should have a floor gradient of one in one hundred.

Assume  $\mathbb{F}_2^1$  cubic fest per second to leave the septic tanks. This assumption is too high for the sludge has been removed from the sewage



and Ladro ith forume foul 7 to det 1 to 14 origins . Value. Tubic feet 1 er day =

5g x 3600 x 18 = 386400

Filter must have t volume of

356400 \_ 1080000 rabio feet.

A peight of five fest will be used. Therefore the area <u>1080000</u> 211000 quare feet

. Since the filter way be filled three times per day the required area \_313000 \_28000 equare feet.

## Pesign of Walls.

Assume the weight of the filtering materials to be 110 " per cubic foot, and 1/5 sa arting normal to the wall.

P, 110 x 5 ± 5 x .66 ± 500 4

Total P = 394 !

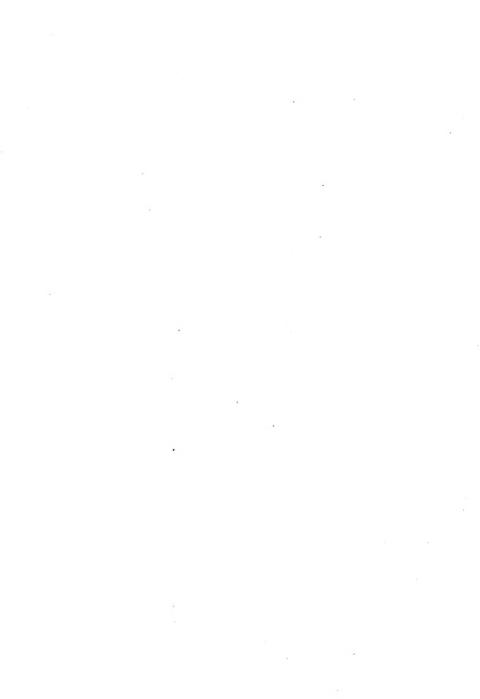
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V = 394 2

Thickness for snear = 384 = 10 m

 $\frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{7880}{40} \cdot 20 \cdot \frac{180}{8}$  Therefore d = 10

A thickness of 12" will be used. A complete design of the contact filter beds is shown on place 4 of 4.



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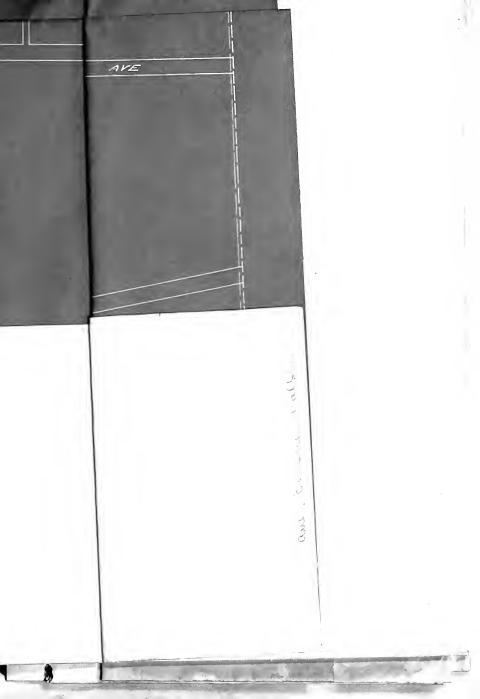
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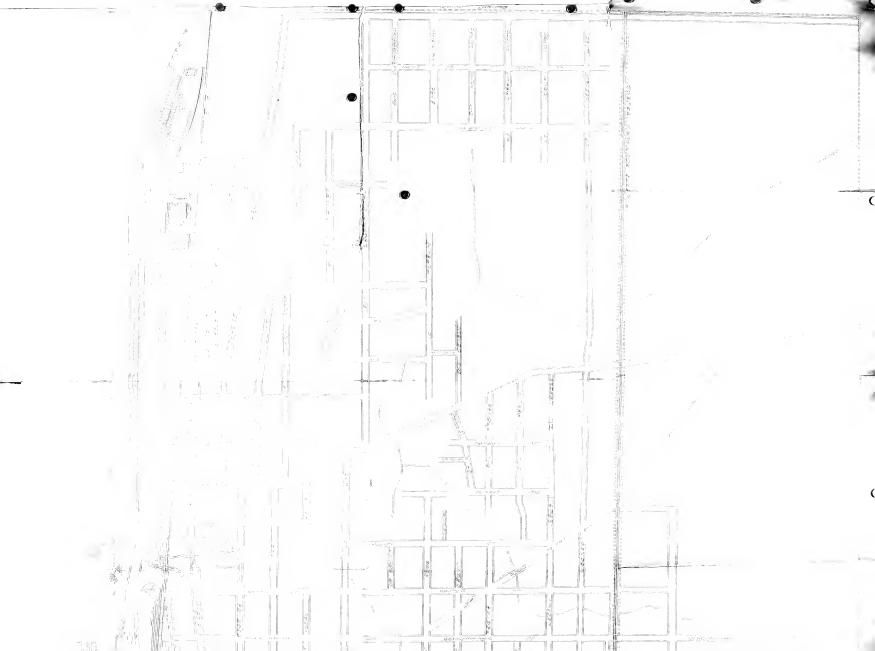


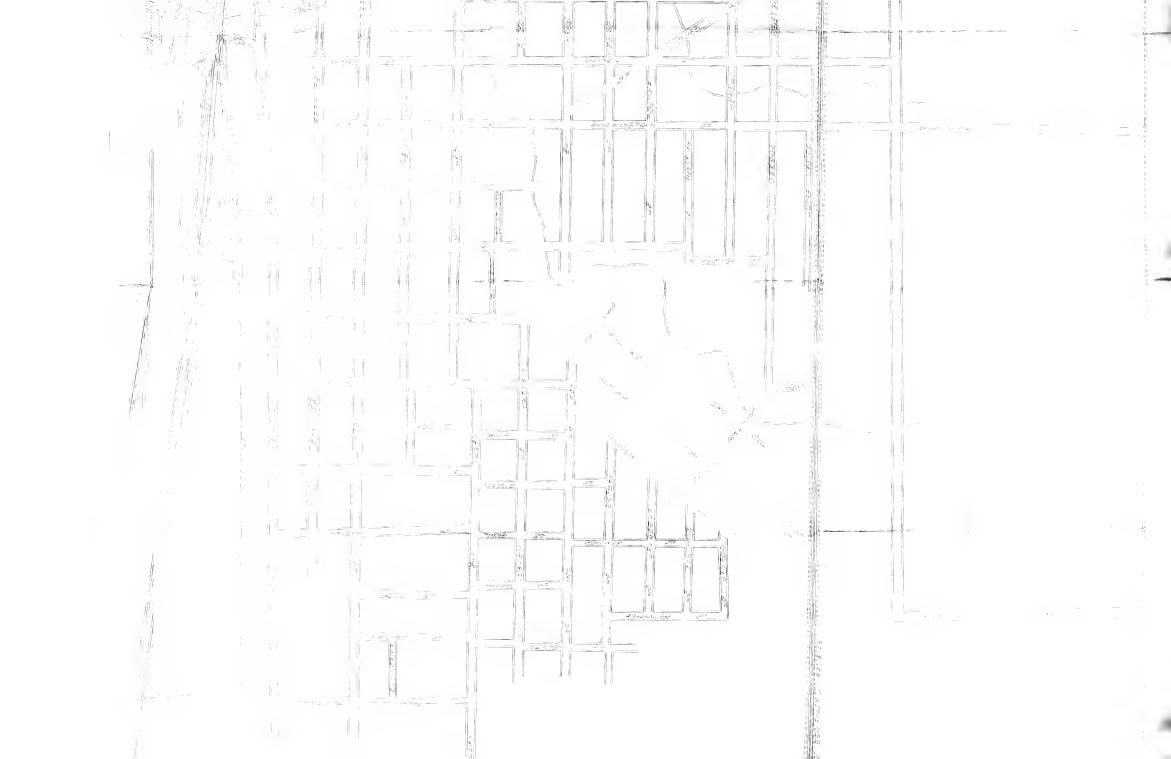


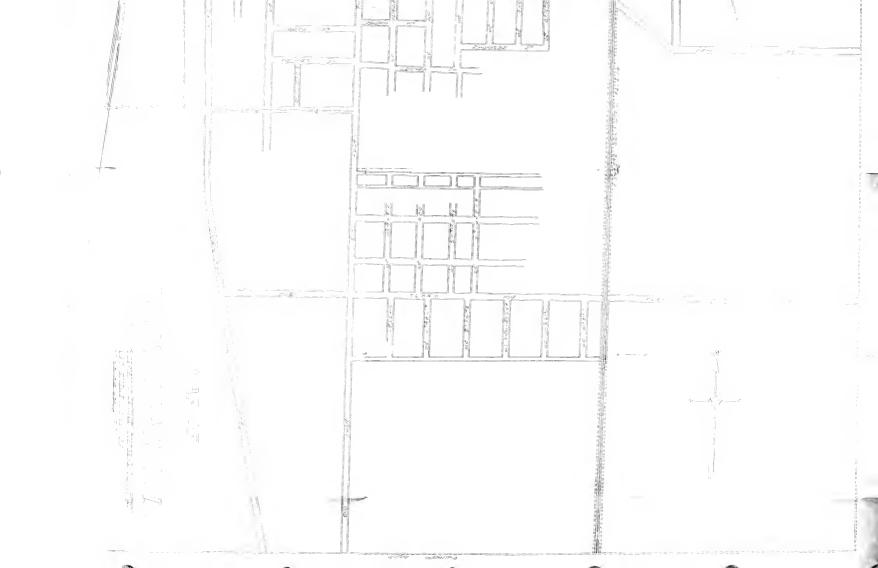


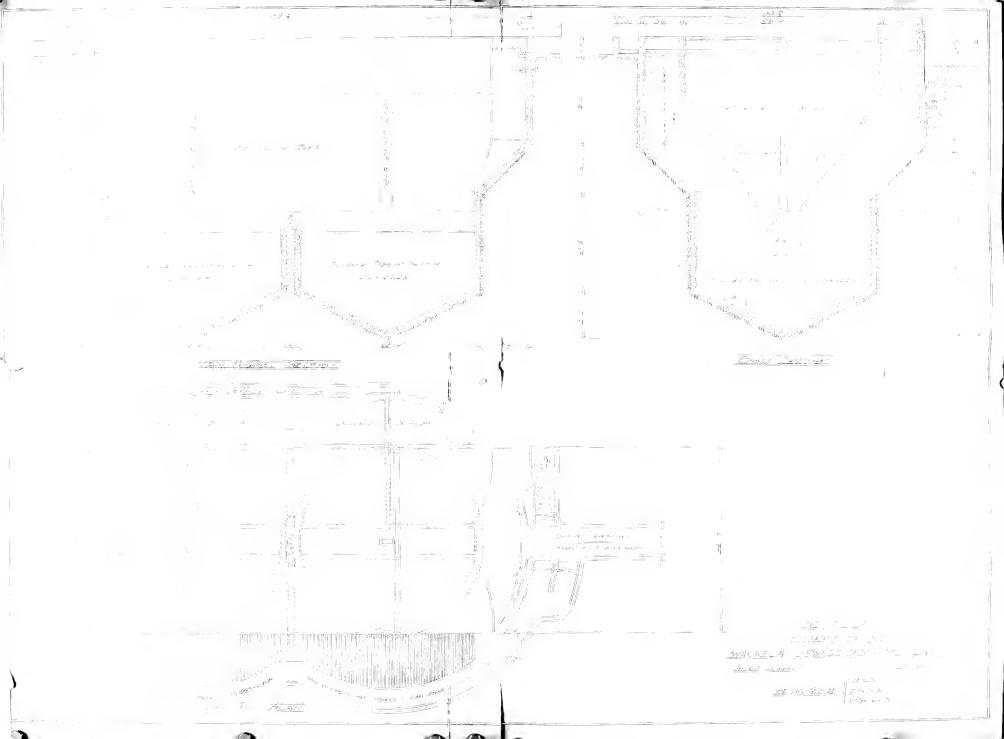












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